

Climate Chaos

Day 1 Afternoon session: More on climate change

Activity 3: Researching climate change

You will need

Computer and internet access, for individuals or groups, or library books about climate change

Aims

- To develop further pupils' knowledge and understanding about climate change.
- To develop their research skills.

What to do

Throughout the week, pupils will be building up a portfolio of information about climate change, either individually or in groups. At the end of the second day they will decide what they would like to do with this information and how they should present it. There are a number of useful, child-friendly websites about climate change that they might like to use during the week. Most have a mixture of factual information, activities and games. The library might also have books related to climate change that pupils can use for research.

How pupils use the websites is likely to vary throughout the week, and from pupil to pupil.

They may like to:

- Research some of the questions about climate change from the class flipchart.
- Follow up on something which interested them from the morning session.
- Carry out a climate change word-search, puzzle or energy-saving game.

Useful and appropriate websites include:

DEFRA site on atmosphere, climate and environment – games, puzzles, and information sheets.

<http://www.ace.mmu.ac.uk/kids/index.html>

Competition to help design new scene for online game and win a solar education kit for school – submissions by 30 July – plus games, quizzes, information.

<http://managenergy.net/kidscorner>

Energy quizzes and information

<http://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/onlinestuff/subjects/energy.aspx>

Animations, information, quizzes

<http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/kids/>

Online activities, quizzes, games, surveys, information and links exploring climate change, energy and solutions.

<http://www.think-energy.co.uk/>

A guide to the issues relating to energy and climate change via Tikki the penguin

http://tiki.oneworld.net/global_warming

Comprehensive information site for children in 3 sections - energy in buildings, energy and the environment and energy sources.

<http://www.energychest.net/index.html>